

# Introduction to Enter a SAR – Physician/ Allied Provider

The step-by-step instructions to "Enter a SAR" with a physician as the service provider is described in this section.

Whether the physician is an admitting physician at a hospital or performing services for a client outside of a hospital, the process to enter a SAR is the same.

Similarly when the service provider is an allied provider, <u>the process for entering the SAR is exactly the same</u>. The only difference is that the user will need to specify an allied provider rather than a physician as the service provider when entering a SAR.

## **Objectives**

At the completion of this section, you will be able to:

- Enter a SAR with a physician as the service provider
- Add service codes and service groupings
- "Submit" the SAR for validation

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## 14.1 Find the Client

Children's Medical Services

1. Access Service Authorization Request by clicking the "Authorization" link.

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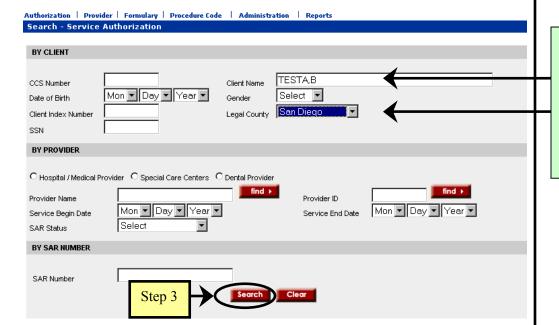
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Good evening LAVORRA! You last signed on today at 17:46.

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- 2. Enter search criteria in the "By Client" area:
- 3. Click the "Search" button.



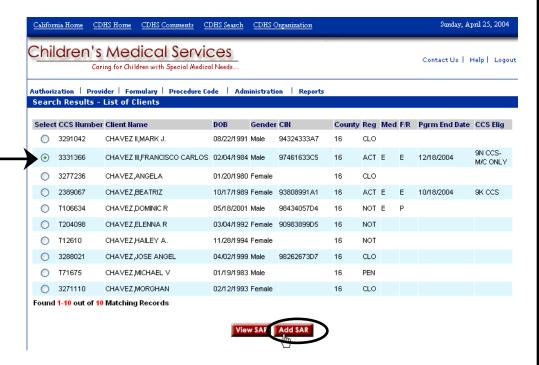
Field descriptions are provided in CMS Net Web Online Help.

#### **Notes**

An example of searching for the client by name and county.

Partial searches by name are permitted [Last Name, First Name].

- 4. Click the "Select" radio button for the desired client. If an <u>exact match</u> is found, the option button will be pre-selected.
- 5. Then click the "Add SAR" button.





If the client is not listed, click the "Authorization" link located above the blue banner to return to the Search SAR page.

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## 14.2 Select a Provider for the SAR

- 1. Click the "Hospital/Medical Provider" radio button.
- 2. Enter provider search information.
- 3. Click the "Search" button.

**Notes** 

You may search for the provider by Provider ID.

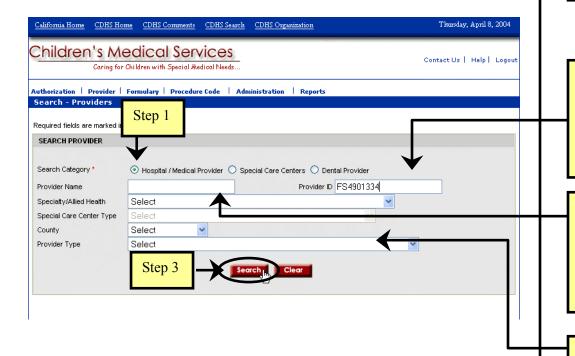
Provider ID for hospital or medical providers is 9 characters. You may enter 8 characters to search.

To search for the physician by Provider Name, enter: Last Name, First Name

Partial searches are permitted.

The "Provider Type" drop-down applies only to Hospital/Medical providers.

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To select a dental provider for a SAR, click the "Dental Provider" radio button and use search criteria (such as the Denti-Cal number in the Provider ID field, provider name, or the county).

To select a Special Care Center for a SAR, click the "Special Care Center" radio button and use search criteria.

Field descriptions are provided in CMS Net Web Online Help.

- 4. Confirm that for individual medical providers, the provider is paneled (look for a "Yes" in the Paneled column.
- 5. Click on the link (blue underlined name of your selection).
- 6. If additional matches are supplied, view them on the next page by: Clicking the "Next Records" link OR clicking the "Prev Records" link.
- 7. You may enter the provider information in order to DENY an authorization.
- 8. Click the "Continue" button.





SARs cannot be issued to group providers, such as Group Certified Family/ Pediatric Nurse Practitioners, Physicians Groups, Group Optometrists, Medicare Crossover Provider Only, and Group Respiratory Care Practitioners. You must authorize the provider's individual or (rendering) provider ID number.

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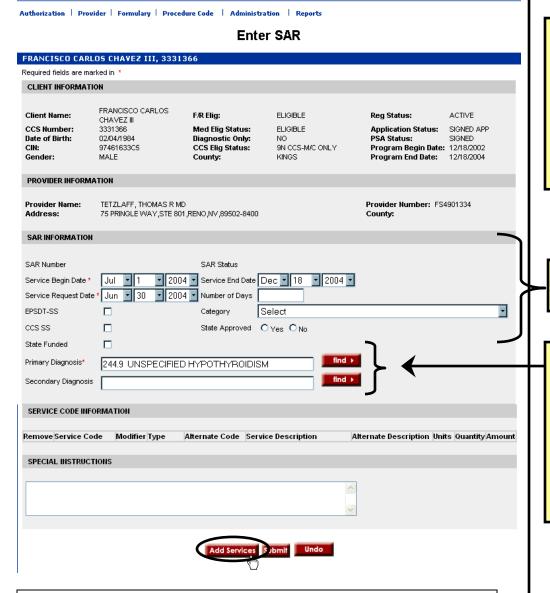
**Notes** 

Confirm that the individual medical provider is paneled.

You may enter provider information only to <u>DENY</u> the SAR.

### 14.3 Enter SAR Information

- 1. Enter SAR Information.
- 2. Click the "Add Services" button to search for service codes.



Notes

Because only current information is stored for Dental providers, you *may not* be able to enter a retroactive SAR with a dental provider.

Enter SAR Information

The primary & secondary diagnosis default from Patient Registration.

If you wish to change the diagnosis clear the field and type the new code or word and click on the Find button.

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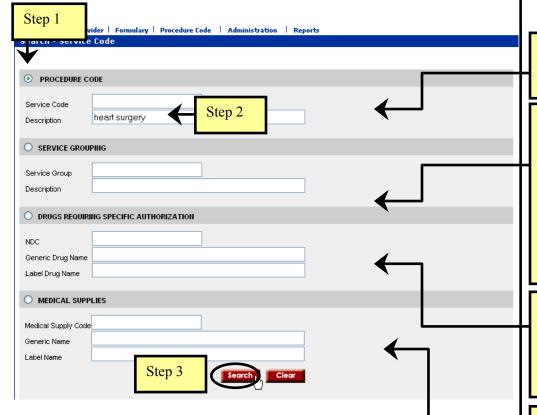
Please see Appendix A - Business Rules "1.1 Enter SAR" for a list of "Category" values that require State Approval.



To issue service authorizations before 7/1/04, you must use the Generate Requests/ Auths/ Claims in CMS Net.

## 14.4 Search for Services for Procedure Code

- 1. Select the radio button for the appropriate service code: procedure code, service grouping, drugs requiring specific authorization, and medical supplies.
- 2. Enter search criteria for one of the following: procedure code, service grouping, drugs requiring specific authorization, or medical supplies.
- 3. Click the "Search" button.



#### **Search Tips:**



Searching by a "Code" will return matches that *start with* whatever you type in that field.

Example for Service Code Field: "330"

Returns many matches among others: 33010 – Drainage of Heart Sac, 33011 – Repeat Drainage of Heart Sac, 33015 – Incision of Heart Sac



Searching by a "description," returns matches that *contain* whatever you type in that field.

Example for Procedure Code Description Field: "Office Visit"

Returns many matches including: "Office Visit, New, Brief," "Office Visit Limited," and "PostPartum Follow-Up Office Visit."

#### Notes

This example shows how to associate a procedure code for a surgery.

You may search for procedure codes to associate to the SAR.

Service Code Groupings (SCG) can be issued to:

- Medical providers
- Dental Providers
- SCC Providers

Search Medical SCG as 01-07.

Search Dental SCG as S01-S17.

Only pharmacy provider types may be issued a SAR with an NDC

• '24' Pharmacy/ Pharmacists

Only medical supply provider types may be issued a SAR for "Medical Supplies:"

- '02' Assist. Dev & sick rooms ply
- '21' orthotists
- '24' pharmacy
- '27' podiatrist
- '29' prosthetists
- '46' rehab clinics

## 14.5 Select Services for Procedure Code

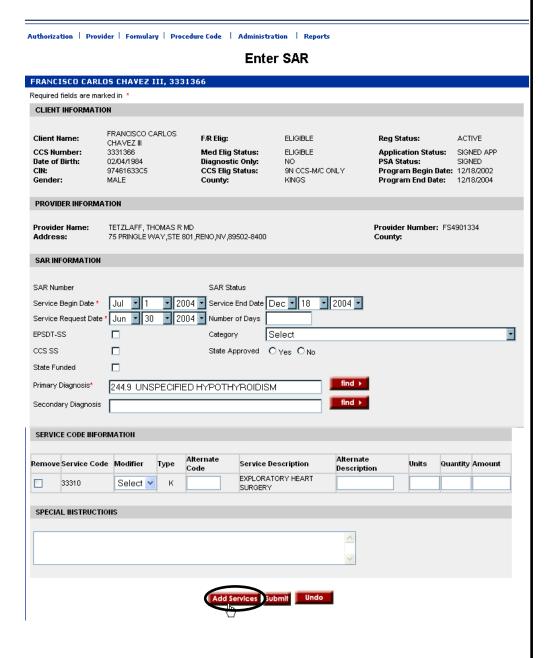
- 1. Check the appropriate service(s) for the SAR.
- 2. Click the "Continue" button.



Field descriptions are provided in CMS Net Web Online Help.

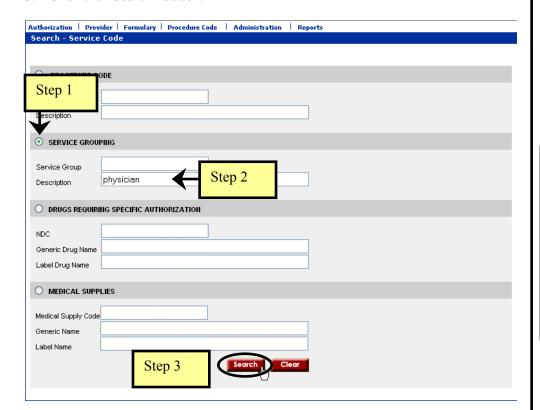
### 14.6 Enter More Service Codes

1. To add another service code (such as a service grouping), click the "Add Services" button.



# 14.7 Search for Services for Service Grouping

- 1. Select the radio button for the appropriate service code: procedure code, service grouping, drugs requiring specific authorization, and medical supplies.
- 2. Enter search criteria for one of the following: procedure code, service grouping, drugs requiring specific authorization, or medical supplies.
- 3. Click the "Search" button.



#### **Notes**

In this example, we will add a service grouping for a "physician."

Service Code Groupings (SCG) can be issued to:

- Medical providers
- Dental Providers
- SCC Providers

Search Medical SCG as 01-07. Search Dental SCG as S01-S17.

# 14.8 Select Services for Service Groupings

- 1. Check the appropriate service(s) for the SAR. If an <u>exact match</u> is found, the checkbox will be pre-selected.
- 2. Click the "Continue" button.



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# 14.9 Specify Service Code Information

- 1. For each service code that appears on the SAR:
  - Check the "Remove" indicator if a code was entered erroneously.
  - Select a Modifier for the Service Code if appropriate.
  - Enter Units. The total number of times a procedure or service is requested. For drug codes: Enter the total number of times the authorized quantity is authorized (for example, a unit of "3" would be the original + two refills).
  - Enter Quantity. Only for NDC drug or medical supply codes. Enter the total number of tablets, capsules, volume of liquid (in mls) or quantity of ointments/creams (in grams) for each dispensing.
  - Enter Amount (only for EPSDT-SS SARs there is no price on file. This field is available to only those with access to update EPSDT-SS SARs.)

Authorization | Provider | Formulary | Procedure Code | Administration | Reports **Enter SAR** FRANCISCO CARLOS CHAVEZ III, 3331366 Required fields are marked in CLIENT INFORMATION FRANCISCO CARLOS Client Name: ELIGIBLE CHAVEZ III CCS Number: 3331366 Med Elig Status: ELIGIBLE **Application Status:** SIGNED APP 02/04/1984 Date of Birth: Diagnostic Only: PSA Status: SIGNED 9N CCS-M/C ONLY Program Begin Date: 12/18/2002 CIN: 97461633C5 CCS Elig Status: Gender: MALE Program End Date: 12/18/2004 County PROVIDER INFORMATION Provider Number: FS4901334 75 PRINGLE WAY, STE 801, RENO. NV. 89502-8400 Address: County: SAR INFORMATION SAR Number SAR Status Jul 1 2004 Service End Date Dec 18 2004 Service Begin Date \* Service Request Date \* Jun - 30 - 2004 - Number of Days EPSDT-SS П Category Select CCS SS П State Approved O Yes O No State Funded Primary Diagnosis\* 244.9 UNSPECIFIED HYPOTHYROIDISM Secondary Diagnosis SERVICE CODE INFORMATION Alternate Alternate Remove Service Code Modifier Service Description Units Quantity Amount Description Code EXPLORATORY HEART 33310 Select ▼ SURGERY 01 Select 🔻 PHYSICIAN SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS ۸ Add Services Submit Undo

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#### **Modifier:**

"Rental" and "Purchase" selections for "Modifier" should be used for DME & DME accessories only. "Assistant Surgeon" selection for "Modifier" should <u>ONLY</u> be used when the procedure is done separately from the primary physician's authority. It should NEVER be on the same SAR as the surgery that the primary physician is performing.

**Units:** Units is a required field.

**Units:** One unit has already been pre-filled for the user for the "Physician" service grouping.

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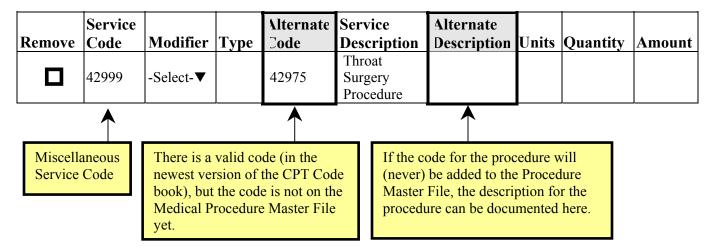
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# 14.10 An Example that Illustrates How to Enter an Alternate Code or an Alternate Description

Certain service codes that are included in the CPT code book are classified as miscellaneous or "by report."

The Branch has a pre-defined selection of miscellaneous or "by report" codes to track and monitor. If you select one of the codes to authorize, you will need to include an alternate code or alternate description to proceed.

An example might look like this:



The page will allow the user to enter either the Alternate Code or the Alternate Description.

The alternate codes and alternate descriptions are used for tracking reports for the Branch.

# 14.11 Click "Submit" to Complete SAR Entry

- 1. Perform one of the following actions:
  - Click the "**Submit**" button to save the SAR. The status of the SAR will be "Pending." The user will be taken to the Narrative.
  - Click the "Undo" button to exit from the SAR Entry page. The SAR will not be saved.

